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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for increasing at least one of the color-stability and the light-stability of a cosmetic or dermatological formulation, comprising the steps of:

- i.) providing a cosmetic or dermatological formulation; and
- <u>ii.)</u> adding iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof to the cosmetic or dermatological formulation in an amount sufficient to increase at least one of the color-stability and the light-stability of a cosmetic or dermatological formulation, wherein said amount is at least 0.1% by weight, based on the total weight of the formulation.
- 2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said adding step includes adding iminodisuccinic acid.
- 3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said adding step includes adding the tetrasodium salt of iminodisuccinic acid.
 - 4. (Canceled)
- 5. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof is added in an amount from 0.1 to 0.5% by weight, based on the total weight of the formulation.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, <u>further comprising the</u> <u>step of packaging the wherein said cosmetic or dermatological formulation is provided in transparent or translucent packaging.</u>
- 7. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said cosmetic or dermatological formulation is a skin care product.

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- 8. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said cosmetic or dermatological formulation is a face care product.
- 9. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said cosmetic or dermatological formulation is a sunscreen product.
- 10. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic or dermatological formulation comprising iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof in an amount sufficient to increase at least one of the color-stability and the light-stability of a cosmetic or dermatological formulation, wherein said amount is at least 0.1% by weight, based on the total weight of the formulation.
- 11. (Original) The formulation according to claim 10, wherein said iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof includes iminodisuccinic acid.
- 12. (Original) The formulation according to claim 10, wherein said iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof includes the tetrasodium salt of iminodisuccinic acid.
 - 13. (Canceled)
- 14. (Original) The formulation according to claim 10, wherein said iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof is present in an amount from 0.1 to 0.5% by weight, based on the total weight of the formulation.
- 15. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic or dermatological product comprising: a cosmetic or dermatological formulation comprising iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof in an amount sufficient to increase at least one of the color-stability and the light-stability of a cosmetic or dermatological formulation, wherein said amount is at least 0.1% by weight, based on the total weight of the formulation; and

transparent or translucent packaging.

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- 16. (Original) The product according to claim 15, wherein said cosmetic or dermatological formulation includes iminodisuccinic acid.
- 17. (Original) The product according to claim 15, wherein said cosmetic or dermatological formulation includes the tetrasodium salt of iminodisuccinic acid.
 - 18. (Canceled)
- 19. (Original) The product according to claim 15, wherein the iminodisuccinic acid or salt thereof is present in an amount from 0.1 to 0.5% by weight, based on the total weight of the formulation.
- 20. (Original) The product according to claim 15, wherein the cosmetic or dermatological product is a skin care product.
- 21. (Original) The product according to claim 15, wherein the cosmetic or dermatological product is a face care product.
- 22. (Original) The product according to claim 15, wherein the cosmetic or dermatological product is a sunscreen product.
- 23. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein said providing step comprises providing a cosmetic or dermatological formulation that lacks at least one of the color-stability and the light-stability necessary for packaging in a translucent or transparent container.
- 24. (New) The formulation according to claim 10, wherein said cosmetic or dermatological formulation lacks at least one of the color-stability and the light-stability

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necessary for packaging in a translucent or transparent container in the absence of said amount of said iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof.

- 25. (New) The formulation according to claim 10, wherein the cosmetic or dermatological formulation is transparent or translucent.
- 26. (New) The formulation according to claim 10, wherein the cosmetic or dermatological formulation comprises at least one ingredient selected from the group consisting of UV light protection filters, evaporative cooling agents, moisturizing agents, and anti-inflammatory compounds.
- 27. (New) The formulation according to claim 10, wherein the cosmetic or dermatological formulation exhibits an optical effect discernible when viewed through translucent or transparent packaging.
- 28. (New) The formulation according to claim 27, wherein the optical effect is selected from the group consisting of colored pigments and gas bubbles.
- 29. (New) The formulation according to claim 10, wherein the cosmetic or dermatological formulation is in a form selected from the group consisting of skin creams, skin lotions, milks, ointments, oils, balsams and sera.
- 30. (New) The formulation according to claim 15, wherein said cosmetic or dermatological formulation lacks at least one of the color-stability and the light-stability necessary for packaging in a translucent or transparent container in the absence of said amount of said iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof.